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H. R. 6366

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish not more than seven consolidated patient accounting centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2008

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Revenue En-
5 hancement Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSOLIDATED PATIENT AC-**
2 **COUNTING CENTERS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS.—Chapter 17 of
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
5 section 1729A the following:

6 **“§ 1729B. Consolidated patient accounting centers**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after the
8 date of enactment of the Veterans Revenue Enhancement
9 Act of 2008, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall estab-
10 lish not more than seven consolidated patient accounting
11 centers for conducting industry-modeled regionalized bill-
12 ing and collection activities of the Department.

13 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The centers shall carry out the
14 following functions:

15 “(1) Reengineer and integrate all business proc-
16 esses of the revenue cycle of the Department.

17 “(2) Standardize and coordinate all activities of
18 the Department related to the revenue cycle for all
19 healthcare services furnished to veterans for non-
20 service connected medical conditions.

21 “(3) Apply commercial-industry standards for
22 measures of access, timeliness, and performance
23 metrics with respect to revenue enhancement of the
24 Department.

1 “(4) Apply other requirements with respect to
2 such revenue cycle improvement as the Secretary
3 may specify.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
6 after the item relating to section 1729A the following:

“1729B. Consolidated patient accounting centers.”.

